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Image: Jose Luis Pelaez Inc / DigitalVision / Getty Images When you think of verb tenses, the first thing that comes to mind might be those foreign language classes you took in school. The teaching of second languages usually involves a more theoretical approach than all that pointing and parroting, constant immersion and downright necessity that constitute a baby's first language-learning experience. Plus, with the knowledge that everyone already has a language under their belt, a teacher of a second language has the tools to explain the underpinnings in a way that can't really be done through pantomiming. (So, while a native English speaker might be a dab hand at conjugating Spanish verbs, they could find themselves hard-pressed to identify what's happening in their native tongue.)First of all, "tense" is often confused with "mood." "Tense" refers to time. The three basic tenses are past, present and future. (Well, ... "some" grammar nerds say that the future isn't actually a tense in English due to the way it's constructed ... but ignore that for now.)Tenses are subdivided into "aspects." These convey how the speaker of the sentence perceives an event temporally, in relation to themselves and to other actions they're speaking about. The main aspects are "simple" (if a tense has a simple aspect, it's often just referred to as plain "past," "present" or "future"), progressive (which is alternatively called "continuous"; think "-ing" words), perfect (using the auxiliary --- "helping" --- verb have/had) and perfect progressive (just ... all of the things.)Is your head spinning yet? This is all rather difficult to explain without context, but taking the quiz should clear things up in no time! Let the learning begin! 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The Modern English comes from Michael Waterhouse, a longtime New York City bartender and bar consultant. The drink has a unique approach to its construction—a gin sour like a Gimlet flavored with pear is by no means unheard of, but generally that means fresh squeezed lemon juice, simple syrup and some kind of pear liqueur or pear syrup. Instead, Waterhouse uses lemon wedges, maple syrup and a pear slice, all muddled together with the Bulldog gin. Thanks to global markets and imported goods, you can make this drink at anytime of the year. However, it's going to be best in late summer into early fall, when local pears are at their peak season. The fun thing about using fresh pear rather than a liqueur or even a syrup is that you can play with your favorites to see which go best in the drink. Try mixing it up, using something like an Anjou, Bartlett or Bosc and seeing what best suits your fancy. Likewise, feel free to swap out the Bulldog Gin for something that works better for you, or whatever gin you have on hand. Something lighter and more floral like Hendrick's or something more subtle like Plymouth will make for a drastically different final product than Bulldog. While a cinnamon stick is called for a garnish, it won't affect the flavor of the drink too much unless you leave it in the glass for an extended time. Feel free to omit it if desired. 1/4 fresh pear, peeled, seeded and cubed 2 lemon wedges 1/2 ounces maple syrup 2 1/2 ounces Bulldog gin Garnish: cinnamon stick (optional) In a shaker, muddle all ingredients except the gin. Add the gin and fill with ice, and shake until well-chilled. Double-strain into a coupe glass. Garnish with a cinnamon stick. Rate This Recipe I don't like this at all. It's not the worst. Sure, this will do. I'm a fan—would recommend. Amazing! I love it! Thanks for your rating! In English grammar, a light verb is a verb that has only a general meaning on its own (like do or take) but that expresses a more precise or complex meaning when combined with another word (usually a noun)—for example, do a trick or take a bath. This multi-word construction is sometimes called the "do"-strategy. The term light verb was coined by linguist Otto Jespersen in A Modern English Grammar on Historical Principles (1931). As Jespersen observed, "Such constructions . . . offer an easy way of adding some descriptive trait in the form of an adjunct: we had a delightful bath, a quiet smoke, etc." "A [light verb is a] common and versatile lexical verb like do, give, have, make or take, which is semantically weak in many of its uses, and can be combined with nouns in constructions such as do the cleaning, give (someone) a hug, have a drink, make a decision, take a break. The whole construction often seems equivalent to the use of a single verb: make a decision = decide."(Geoffrey Leech, A Glossary of English Grammar. Edinburgh University Press, 2006) "In English, light-verb constructions can be illustrated by expressions such as take a bath, have a sleep, do a dance, render assistance, and so on. In an example such as render assistance, the verb render conveys effectively no meaning at all and merely serves as the locus of verbal inflection."(Andrew Spencer, Lexical Relatedness: A Paradigm-Based Model, Oxford University Press, 2013) "Each time he took a walk, he felt as though he were leaving himself behind."(Paul Auster, The New York Trilogy, 1987) "You can't take a picture of this; it's already gone."(Nate Fisher, Jr., in Six Feet Under) "Another way students had of undermining my confidence was to make fun of lessons I had meticulously prepared."(Herbert R. Kohl, The Herb Kohl Reader: Awakening the Heart of Teaching, The New Press, 2009) "I've made our reservations for lunch at one, and I thought we'd have a swim and a sail first."(Madeleine L'Engle, A House Like a Lotus. Crosswicks, 1994) "The Republicans were also hurt because they received the blame for the harsh partisanship, the gridlock, and all the political backbiting that led up to the impeachment."(Gary A. Donaldson, The Making of Modern America: The Nation from 1945 to the Present. 2nd ed. Rowman & Littlefield, 2012) "Take a good step back, draw a deep breath and have a think about the long-term impact of looking for a new job."(James Caan, Get the Job You Really Want. Penguin, 2011) "Give me a call and let me know if you're interested, and I can give you directions to the church, or you can give me directions to your place and—whatever, I'm babbling. I always do that on machines."(Alison Strobel, Worlds Collide. WaterBrook Press, 2005) Light-Verb Constructions (LVC)"The light-verb construction is built by combining three elements: (i) a so-called light verb like make or have; (ii) an abstract noun like claim or hope; (iii) a phrasal modifier of the noun which supplies most of the content of the sentence. The following are typical examples of the construction:a. John made the claim that he was happy.b. Mary has hopes that she will win the championship.c. They have a chance to tell about their plans.d. They voted for their favorite candidate. (Paul Douglas Deane, Grammar in Mind and Brain: Explorations in Cognitive Syntax. Walter de Gruyter, 1992) Also Known As: delexical verb, semantically weak verb, empty verb, stretched verb, In English grammar, a proverb is a type of substitution in which a verb or verb phrase (such as do or do so) takes the place of another verb, usually to avoid repetition. Modeled on the term pronoun, pro-verb was coined by Danish linguist Otto Jespersen (The Philosophy of Grammar, 1924), who also considered the functions of pro-adjectives, pro-adverbs, and pro-infinitives. The grammatical term pro-verb shouldn't be confused with the literary and rhetorical term proverb, a concise statement of a general truth. "In its . . . auxiliary use, the relation of do to verbs is similar to that of pronouns to nouns: You could call do in this function a 'proverb.' (34a) We want that trophy more than they do. (34b) I'll taste your raw-beet casserole if Fred does. In the first example, do stands for want that trophy, and in the second, does substitutes for tastes your raw-beet casserole."-(Thomas P. Klammer, Muriel R. Schulz, and Angela Della Volpe, Analyzing English Grammar, 5th ed. Pearson Education, 2007) "Animals suffer as much as we do." -(Albert Schweitzer) "A child needs respect as do we adults." -(Zeus Yamouyiannis, "Subverting the Capitalist Model for Education." Educating Tomorrow's Valuable Citizen, ed. by Joan N. Burstin. SUNY Press, 1996) "Yes, sure, I like it. I really do." -(Robert Stone, Damascus Gate. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 1998) "Haven't you heard? She thinks I'm talented, I said dryly. 'I thought you did, too.' " -(V.C Andrews, Dawn. Pocket Books, 1990) "Why, I must confess that I love him better than I do Bingley." -(Jane Austen, Pride and Prejudice, 1813) "I love him better than I do you and all I hope is that you will find someone that will suit you as well as he does me." -(Ruth Karr McKee, Mary Richardson Walker: Her Book, 1949) "No one knows better than I do, or can appreciate more keenly than I can, the value of the services you have rendered me and the satisfactory results of your friendly interest in me." -(John Roy Lynch, Reminiscences of an Active Life: The Autobiography of John Roy Lynch, ed. by John Hope Franklin. University of Chicago Press, 1970) "[I]t's extremely difficult to narrate something like, say, a murder or rape in first-person present tense (though quite a few of my students have tried). Doing so often leads to unintentionally comic sentences." -(David Jauss, On Writing Fiction: Rethinking Conventional Wisdom About the Craft. Writer's Digest Books, 2011) "The use of the proverb do as a responsive is so productive that it occurs even when do does not appear in the preceding allocation as in (19): (19) A: Well, you remember, say, the troubles round here you know {} (19) B: Yeah, I do. (Ulster 28) In example (19) the pro-verb do rather than the lexical verb remember is employed. Based on this evidence, it is therefore inaccurate to say that what is being echoed or repeated in the responsive is the verb of the preceding allocation. Clearly, it is the pure nexus or the pro-verb do (the nexus marker) rather than the predicate remember that is being repeated." -(Gill Diamant, "The Responsive System of Irish English." New Perspectives on Irish English, ed. by Bettina Migge and Máire Ní Chiosáin. John Benjamins, 2012) "I asked him to leave and he did. Did is a proverb, used as a substitute for a verb just as a pronoun is a substitute for a noun. This is intuitively very comfortable, until we take a careful look. Even though the pronoun is conceptually unmotivated it is at least morphologically motivated as a separate part of speech. But the proverb is in no way a distinct part of speech; it is just as much a verb as the verb it replaces. Now, of course, no one has said that the proverb is a distinct part of speech, yet certainly the intuitive satisfaction we get from it is directly dependent on the parallel with the pronoun, and if it weren't for the pronoun the new term would never have found currency. So instead of having a coherent theory in traditional grammar, one whose parts are integrated according to well-motivated, carefully controlled principles, we have something that is built up by free association." -(William Diver, Joseph Davis, and Wallis Reid, "Traditional Grammar and Its Legacy in Twentieth-Century Linguistics." Language: Communication and Human Behavior: The Linguistic Essays of William Diver, ed. by Alan Huffman and Joseph Davis. Brill, 2012) "Sometimes, when writers are unable to think of the precise verb to complete a sentence, they simply plug in 'do'; for example, 'They did the rumba' rather than 'They danced the rumba.' When it does not refer back to a previously used verb, 'do' is not a pro-form. It is a generic verb, from the top of the ladder of generalization, and people often resort to using it simply because they are unable to come up with a more accurate verb, and 'do' will suffice in most cases. Take, for example, the now popular saying, 'Let's do lunch.' But because of its lack of specificity, 'do' often results in lifeless sentences, and therefore writers should avoid using it (except as a pro-form of auxiliary). Used as a generic verb, 'do' does not create textual cohesion." -(Colleen Elaine Donnelly, Linguistics for Writers. SUNY Press, 1994) "The only members of the class of 'pro-verb' are do and happen. These stand for any unidentified or unspecified process, do for actions and happen for events (or for actions encoded receptively, in some kind of passive form). Their occurrence does not necessarily involve an anaphoric or cataphoric reference." -(M.A.K. Halliday and Ruqaiya Hasan, Cohesion in English. Longman, 1976)

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